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SUBJECT: GOA PERPLEXED BY BRAZILIAN CANCELLATION OF
TRILATERAL TALKS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 4210

1. DURING INITIAL CALL JUNE 1 BY AMBASSADOR ON AMBASSADOR
JOAO HERMES PEREIRA DE ARAUJO, CHIEF DEPT. OF AMERICAS, LATTER
FURNISHED BRAZILIAN EXPLANATION FOR ABRUPT CANCELLATION MAY 30
OF BRAZIL-PARAGUAY-ARGENTINA FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING ON CORPUS
AND ITAIPU DAMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK. ARAUJO STATED THAT
BRAZIL BELIEVES THAT SINCE THE THREE COUNTRIES ALL HAVE
PRACTICAL INTERESTS IN RIO PARANA RIVER RESOURCES, IT
SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO REACH PRACTICAL AGREEMENT ON
PLANS FOR THESE TWO DAMS. MEETINGS OF EXPERTS AT ASUNCION HAD
IN FACT CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THIS END, AND FOREIGN
MINISTERS' MEETING, AS BRAZIL ENVISAGED IT, HAD AS ITS
PURPOSE HIGHER LEVEL APPROVAL OF PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS
WORKED OUT IN ASUNCION. INSTEAD, TO BRAZIL'S SURPRISE, THE
ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR DELIVERED DOCUMENTS TO ITAMARATY EARLY
THIS WEEK PROPOSING A MEETING TO CONSIDER BASIC APPROACHES
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TO ENTIRE QUESTION OF RIO PARANA DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING
NAVIGATION AND OTHER ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT WHICH BRAZIL
REGARDS AS OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THESE TALKS. AMBASSADOR
ARAUJO REFRAINED FROM SPECULATING AS TO NEXT STEPS,
STATING MERELY THAT WHILE ARGENTINA IS CONCERNED WITH
MAINTAINING ITS ORIGINAL PROJECTED HEIGHT FOR THE CORPUS
DAM, BRAZIL WANTS NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY IN ESTABLISHING

LEVELS FOR ITaipu.

2. IN SUM, BRAZIL IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH PRACTICAL
OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS ON TWO DAMS BUT NOT AGREEMENT ON
GENERAL PRINCIPALS FOR USE OF WATERS OF PARANA. SAYRE

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